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We find the Treasurer has paid the following sums by order of the Selectmen :

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J. French, town order and interest,.....	115	15
C. H. Roby, "... ".....	181	20
G. F. Libby, "... ".....	1	00
J. P. Hill, "... ".....	152	78
J. P. Hill, "... ".....	278	51
E. Tilton, "... ".....	26	71
E. Tilton, "... ".....	615	21
S. Piper, "... ".....	325	31
E. Tilton, "... ".....	373	70
C. H. Gilman, "... ".....	43	49
F. J. Nelson, "... ".....	868	38
B. Thurston, "... ".....	58	25
E. S. Price, "... ".....	106	16
S. A. Arnold, "... ".....	410	00
S. Gale, "... ".....	409	44
R. E. Gale, "... ".....	369	54
M. P. Price, "... ".....	192	58
S. Piper, "... ".....	328	34
M. B. Gale, "... ".....	111	97
L. F. Sleeper, in part of town order,.....	150	00
F. P. Burroughs, "... ".....	50	00
M. E. French, "... ".....	152	00
A. Mack, "... ".....	52	23
V. C. Sleeper, "... ".....	200	00
L. B. York, "... ".....	25	00
G. C. Parsons, "... ".....	75	00
V. C. Sleeper, "... ".....	100	00
M. T. Smith, "... ".....	100	00
S. J. Gale, "... ".....	125	00
R. W. Price, "... ".....	10	00
N. S. Gale, "... ".....	50	00
J. F. Nelson, "... ".....	50	00
J. F. Nelson, "... ".....	100	00
H. D. Ellis, town order and interest,.....	3	90
I. S. French, for interest,.....	1	00
H. H. Ayers, "... ".....	15	00
R. Edgerly, "... ".....	3	00
A. T. Page, "... ".....	24	00
G. Patridge, "... ".....	60	00
S. Gale, "... ".....	12	00
J. S. Goodwin, "... ".....	12	00
A. L. Edgerly, "... ".....	12	00
S. Langley, "... ".....	12	00
T. Cogswell, "... ".....	30	00
G. W. Ross, "... ".....	6	00
C. G. Kelley, in part town order,.....	90	00
T. Cogswell, "... ".....	25	00

J. F. Nelson, in part town order,.....	100 00
T. J. Sanborn, for interest,.....	1 11
H. H. Norcross,.....	1 00
F. P. Burroughs,.....	3 25
J. Brown,.....	3 21
F. Ayers,.....	24 00
M. B. Savings Bank,.....	114 37
J. S. Goodwin,.....	6 00
Q. Peaslee,.....	66 00
N. S. Gale,.....	12 36
S. J. Gale,.....	18 00
J. F. Nelson, in part of town order,.....	200 00
J. A. Leighton, town order and interest,.....	205 00
F. Ayers,.....	404 46
I. P. Coffin,.....	267 87
G. C. Parsons,.....	467 31
J. A. Jones,.....	94 06
M. S. Gale,.....	105 25
J. C. Baker,.....	53 14
O. C. Coffin,.....	1,153 56
T. Kenniston, in part of town order,.....	118 75
M. S. Gale,.....	10 00
J. F. Nelson,.....	100 00
J. S. Kelley, town order and interest,.....	100 50
J. S. Goodwin,.....	9 01
H. S. Gale,.....	15 00
J. S. Goodwin,.....	12 00
J. C. Baker,.....	160 00
J. Hayes,.....	3 00
J. Morrison,.....	4 00
R. E. Gale,.....	5 28
D. E. Clough,.....	10 00
M. E. French,.....	164 48
R. W. Price,.....	264 13
S. J. Gale,.....	16 78
A. R. Price,.....	82 06
J. T. Coffin,.....	200 00
J. S. Shannon,.....	102 50
C. H. Gilman,.....	321 00
E. C. Tibbetts,.....	314 25
E. G. Edgerly,.....	225 65
C. Edgerly,.....	296 41
A. Prescott,.....	256 46
J. P. Hill,.....	50 66
A. Mack,.....	99 29
J. T. Cotton,.....	101 50
Q. Peaslee,.....	106 00

A. E. Warner, town order and interest,.....	212	60
A. E. Warner,.....“.....“.....	105	88
A. M. Keniston,.....“.....“.....	272	15
B. F. Chesley,.....“.....“.....	491	13
J. S. Rogers,.....“.....“.....	103	70
M. E. Price,.....“.....“.....	80	43
J. P. Hill,.....“.....“.....	152	85
M. S. Gale, town order and interest,.....	53	50
T. Cogswell,.....“.....“.....	123	00
H. C. Brown,.....“.....“.....	605	55
H. C. Brown,.....“.....“.....	328	17
C. H. Gilman,.....“.....“.....	171	40
G. C. Parsons,.....“.....“.....	32	32
E. S. Nelson,.....“.....“.....	294	95
F. P. Emerson,.....“.....“.....	58	42
W. H. Adams,.....“.....“.....	494	29
T. P. Emerson,.....“.....“.....	109	42
S. Gale,.....“.....“.....	112	10
S. J. Gale,.....“.....“.....	109	79
S. E. Price,.....“.....“.....	260	25
J. Watson,.....“.....“.....	245	34
J. J. Young,.....“.....“.....	55	35
H. H. Smith,.....“.....“.....	83	94
M. A. Quimby,.....“.....“.....	32	46
S. E. Price,.....“.....“.....	110	34
M. S. Gale,.....“.....“.....	79	50
J. Leighton,.....“.....“.....	124	90
C. H. French,.....“.....“.....	828	78
M. Eveleth,.....“.....“.....	102	66
Amelia Newell,.....“.....“.....	42	80
R. W. Page,.....“.....“.....	213	28
T. G. Potter,.....“.....“.....	111	17
J. P. Hill,.....“.....“.....	100	80
I. A. Hill,.....“.....“.....	124	75
C. G. Kelley,.....“.....“.....	107	00
J. L. Marsh,.....“.....“.....	65	16
Wm. H. Adams,.....“.....“.....	24	88
B. F. L. Burpee,.....“.....“.....	290	57
E. G. Edgerly,.....“.....“.....	60	30
S. S. Young,.....“.....“.....	118	53
M. P. Page,.....“.....“.....	240	00
Charles Varney, interest on town orders,.....	187	06
C. S. Page, interest on town order,.....	4	00
T. Cogswell, town order and interest,.....	389	31
S. Gale,.....“.....“.....	12	00
N. M. Sanborn,.....“.....“.....	70	
L. B. York, town order in part.....	25	00

M. K. Eveleth, town order in part,.....	100 00
S. J. Coffin,.....“.....“.....	100 00
S. J. Gale,.....“.....“.....	50 00
P. Dudley,.....“.....“.....	130 00
J. J. Young,.....“.....“.....	200 00
M. B. Savings Bank,	3,000 00
M. K. Eveleth, interest on town order,.....	13 50
M. F. Nelson,.....“.....“.....	36 52
J. French,.....“.....“.....	41 16
J. Pickering,.....“.....“.....	18 00
H. Chesley,.....“.....“.....	21 00
D. M. Merrill,.....“.....“.....	33 00
J. T. Kelley,.....“.....“.....	6 00
R. Gilman,	6 00
S. H. French,.....“.....“.....	75
T. Adams, parsonage fund,.....	7 93
S. J. McNeal, town order and interest,.....	96 98
J. P. Hill, interest on town order,.....	74 24
J. P. Hill, interest on town order,.....	18 38
N. Young, town order and interest,.....	257 07
N. Young, town order and interest,.....	347 08
J. Lougee, interest,.....	15 40
L. G. Lougee, interest,.....	23 49
J. S. Goodwin, interest,.....	6 00
S. J. Gale, town order and interest,.....	71 96
M. E. French, town order and interest,.....	345 50
J. W. Cogswell, interest,.....	18 00
Amount,.....	<hr/> \$32,561 03

Paid for Poor in Town.

P. M. Lougee, box and coffin for Betsey Young,.....	\$8 00
W. H. Hayes, board of H. Dicey 16 weeks,.....	16 00
C. H. Lougee, digging grave for Betsey Young,.....	2 50
G. Montgomery, doctoring poor in town,.....	60 00
S. J. Gale, supplies for L. Hutchinson,.....	10 61
L. E. Page, aid furnished Mrs. E. Hutchinson,.....	3 50
D. Downs, aid furnished Mrs. E. Hutchinson,.....	13 17
H. W. Peaslee, aid furnished L. Hutchinson,.....	78 69
S. J. Gale, aid furnished L. Hutchinson,.....	2 75
C. A. Hackett, rent for L. Hutchinson,.....	35 00
L. E. Page, pig for L. Hutchinson,.....	4 00
C. Gilman, aid furnished L. Hutchinson, 1865,.....	7 50
Dearborn & Gilman, aid furnished L. Hutchinson,.....	12 36
D. Young, aid furnished Betsey Young,.....	10 00
S. J. Coffin, aid furnished Betsey Young,.....	1 00

Dearborn & Gilman, aid furnished L. Hutchinson,.....	9 25
N. Wight, doctoring poor in town,.....	75 00
M. S. Gale, boarding,“.....“.....	87 50
M. S. Gale, ...“.....“.....“.....	97 50
M. S. Gale, ...“.....“.....“.....	98 86
G. W. Parsons, supplies to Mrs. Maxfield,.....	17 00
J. S. Page, supplies to Mrs. Maxfield,.....	1 50
J. S. Page, medical aid to Mrs. Maxfield, 1865,.....	25 00
G. W. Parsons, medical aid to Mrs. Maxfield,.....	5 25
D. Young, aid to Betsey Young,.....	14 00
L. H. Mudgett, aid to Judith Gilman,.....	12 00
C. D. Thompson, aid to Judith Gilman, 1865,.....	2 75
G. W. Parsons, aid to Mrs. Maxfield,.....	6 00
H. W. Peaslee, aid to Judith Gilman,.....	11 75
J. W. Page, aid to L. Hutchinson,.....	2 81
G. W. Parsons, aid to Mr. Maxfield,.....	7 00
L. E. Page, aid to Widow E. Hutchinson,.....	18 18
L. E. Page, aid to...“.....“.....	1 00
I. Tucker, aid to Lilla Flanders,.....	15 00
A. Buzzell, funeral expenses of Betsey Young,.....	2 00
H. E. Marsh, for L. Hutchinson,.....	4 00
L. E. Page, aid to Eliza Hutchinson.....	4 60
J. S. Ladd, aid to J. D. Jones,.....	13 50
N. Wight, aid to J. D. Jones,.....	5 00
William H. Hays, aid to H. Dicey,.....	11 00
William H. Hays,...“.....“.....	18 00
William H. Hays,...“.....“.....1865,.....	20 00
I. Tucker, aid to Lilla Flanders,.....	10 00
N. Wight, aid to N. B. McMurphy, 1865,.....	13 00
M. Price, aid to L. Hutchinson,.....	9 00
J. A. Maxfield, aid to Eliza Hutchinson,.....	1 00
E. E. Merrill, aid to L. Hutchinson,.....	8 00
D. Downs, board of Eliza Hutchinson,.....	12 00
J. S. Trukey, aid to Eliza Hutchinson,.....	3 50
R. D. Tebbetts, aid to Eliza Thompson,.....	3 38
C. A. Doekham, robe for Betsey Young,.....	2 80

Amount,.....\$913 21

Paid for Poor Chargeable to other Towns.

G. Montgomery, aid to T. B. Jenness,.....	7 00
G. W. Parsons,.....“.....“.....	1 50
L. Maxfield,.....“.....“.....	10 25
H. W. Peaslee,.....“.....“.....	7 00
J. M. Gilman,.....“.....“.....	5 00
H. W. Peaslee, aid to F. Elliott,.....	6 00

N. Wight,....aid to F. Elliot,.....	1 50
H. W. Peaslee,..“.....“.....	23 83
Dearborn & Gilman,....“.....1865.....	5 46
O. Lamprey,.....“.....	4 10
E. Hill aid to G. Sleeper, (child).....	1 50
P. M. Lougee, aid G. Sleeper, (child).....	5 00
C. A. Dockham, aid to Harietta Drew,.....	5 45
R. D. Tebbetts, aid to Harietta Drew,.....	4 03
Rev. J. Blake, aid to G. Sleeper, (child).....	2 00
D. G. Edgerly for use of house for Sleeper family,....	1 00
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Poor Chargeable to County.

George Montgomery medical aid to D. Downs, 1865....	\$50 00
George Montgomery medical aid to I. A. Downs, 1865..	6 00
Henry W. Peaslee aid to S. Twombly, D. and J. Downs,	
1865,.....	22 08
L. E. Page aid to I. Downs, 1865.....	6 00
Isaac S. French medical aid to S. Twombly, M. Clifford,	
D. Downs, 1865.....	20 08
Nat Robinson board of Rebecca Robinson,.....	4 50
Dr. N. Wight for medical aid to J. McKenzie,.....	10 00
J. T. Young boarding Samuel Tonagee, 1865.....	5 00
G. M. Dudley aid Samuel Twombly, 1865.....	2 00
N. Wight aid Rebecca A. Moody,.....	7 50
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Town Farm.

Moses S. Gale, corn, potatoes and labor, 1865.....	\$25 00
E. S. Mudgett, blacksmithing, &c., 1864.....	3 54
Moses S. Gale, services on town farm,..1865.....	103 00
R. H. Jones, highway tax.... “.....	11 60
Wm. G. Leavitt, use of bull...“.....1865.....	1 50
J. S. Page, labor on.....“.....1865.....	7 50
I. S. Sanborn, abatement of tax “.....1865.....	34 10
H. W. Peaslee, goods furnished “.....1865.....	16 74
J. S. Page, labor on farm.....	10 00
L. H. Mudgett, groceries.....“.....1865.....	8 15
W. H. Gilman, shoemaking....“.....1864.....	6 95
Moses S. Gale, cask lime and plow point1865.....	5 00
Gilman Lougee, labor on farm.....1865.....	1 00
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Paid Town Officers.

James Leighton, services as collector, 1865.....	\$30 19
Jonathan W. Clough, services in town and out, 1865.....	84 45
Jonathan W. Clough, services late war,.....	2 00
Jonathan W. Clough, balance of services, 1866.....	22 32
Tyler S. Tilton, services late war,.....	1 50
Josiah S. Goodwin, services late war,.....	2 00
Cyrus Gilman, services out of town, 1865.....	40 22
Cyrus Gilman, services in town, 1865.....	108 00
Levi W. Sanborn, services as town clerk, 1865.....	27 60
John Lougee, 2d, services as collector, 1865.....	40 16
John S. Page, services out of town, 1865.....	24 87
John S. Page, services in part, 1866.....	20 00
John S. Page, services in town, 1865.....	47 30
Luther E. Page, services in part,.....	50 00
Sylvester J. Gale, services in part,.....	30 00
John W. Page, services in part as collector, 1865.....	8 59
J. S. Page, services in part as collector, 1864.....	30 48
J. S. Page, services in part as selectman,.....	30 00
R. J. Varney, services in late war,.....	1 00
C. Gilman, services in late war,.....	1 00
C. Gilman, paying out state aid,.....	3 00
I. S. Sanborn, collector's fees,.....	40 00
George H. Seward, collector's fees, &c., 1865.....	40 00
George H. Seward, collector's fees in full, 1865.....	15 30
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Paid for Roads and Bridges.

L. E. Durrell, repairs on Durrell road,.....	\$6 00
A. T. Edgerly, 1402 feet of plank,.....	14 02
M. H. Peaslee, damage to plow,.....	1 50
M. H. Peaslee, labor on Gutterson bridge,.....	2 50
J. D. Nelson, bridge plank and sleepers,.....	18 41
J. B. Durrell, labor on highway,.....	6 00
J. S. Kimball, bridge plank,.....	9 84
E. G. Connell, labor Gutterson bridge,.....	1 50
T. S. Dudley, damage to plow,.....	6 50
T. S. Dudley, bridge plank,.....	12 82
J. D. Merrill, labor on road, Dist. No. 18,.....	58 95
H. W. Peaslee, spikes in S. G. Lougee Dist.,.....	56
D. Lougee, labor in J. L. Kelley Dist., 1864.....	9 57
C. S. Sleeper, labor on bridge near S. G. Edgerly, 1865..	3 00
D. Berry, labor on road, 1865,.....	6 87
R. W. Lamprey, labor on road, 1865.....	5 00

J. K. Dudley, plank and timber on bridge, 1865.....	66 00
J. Leighton, labor on Dockham bridge, 1865.....	8 00
J. M. Pickering, labor on Edgerly bridge, 1865.....	2 85
G. W. Edgerly, timber, 1865.....	14 40
J. S. Page, labor on Gutterson bridge,.....	2 50
J. K. Dudley, bridge plank,.....	9 57
H. E. Marsh, labor on Gutterson bridge.....	4 50
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Paid Current Expenses.

State tax,	\$3,750 00
County tax,	915 32
J. W. Page, revenue stamps,	5 00
Fogg, Hadley & Co., printing town report, 1865.....	64 00
Mrs. C. Gilman, Selectmen's board, 1866.....	30 00
S. J. Gale, revenue stamps,	1 00
L. H. Lamprey, school house repairs,	84 00
J. P. Hill, perambulating town line,	2 00
C. T. More, school house repairs, No. 4,	150 00
S. N. Edgerly, damage to sleigh, 1865.....	1 50
J. D. Sleeper, examination of records,	1 90
L. E. Page, express on money,	1 40
J. W. Page, revenue stamps,	5 00
L. E. Page, revenue stamps,	1 30
O. Folsom, insurance on town farm buildings, 1865...	7 60
J. E. Bennett, examining record,	50
J. W. Page, revenue stamps.....	5 00
L. W. Sanborn, boarding selectmen and auditors, 1865	38 00
F. B. Gilman, boarding selectmen and auditors, 1865..	61 08
M. A. Gilman, services, 1865.....	2 00
S. J. Gale, collector's, surveyor's, and inventory book,	13 66
L. W. Sanborn, notifying jurors,	6 50
L. W. Sanborn, stationery,	1 95
S. L. Greeley, repairing and cleaning academy,	3 00
Auditors, 1865.....	8 00
E. S. Mudgett, watering trough, 1865.....	2 50
J. W. Hoyt,.....“.....“.....	3 00
J. S. Shannon,....“.....“.....	3 00
L. E. Durrell,....“.....“.....	3 00
F. P. Burrough,....“.....“.....1866.....	3 00
J. O. Dow,.....“.....“.....1865.....	2 00
J. S. Kimball,....“.....“.....1866.....	3 00
Several school districts,	1,072 30
I. G. Piper, liquors, casks, &c.,	105 72
D. Beede, lumber and labor on academy,	4 50

N. D. Garmon, searching records,.....	25
J. Prescott, watering trough, 1866.....	1 50
L. H. Mudgett, stationery.....	2 13
J. Blake, school committee,.....	75 00
C. A. Dockham, printing town orders,.....	2 50
C. T. More, repairs on pung,.....	1 50
J. S. Shannon, watering trough,.....	3 00
J. Leighton, use of money,.....	1 50
E. S. Mudgett, watering trough,.....	3 00
Mrs. C. Gilman, board of selectmen, 1866.....	35 00
John W. Hoyt, watering trough, 1866.....	3 00
J. Ellsworth, watering trough, 1866.....	3 00
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Paid Abatement of Taxes.

N. L. Marsh, over-tax, 1863, 1864 and 1865,.....	\$12 41
F. Marsh, poll tax,.....	4 55
G. W. Sanborn, over-tax, 1865,.....	14 88
H. Drew, for loss of cow,.....	63
C. H. Roby, over-tax,.....	1 89
J. L. Kelley, over-tax,.....	8 96
A. C. Pierce, poll tax,.....	4 55
R. D. Varney, for loss of cow,.....	75
C. E. Tilton, poll tax,.....	4 55
J. Leighton, of several persons, 1865,.....	38 25
J. Leighton, school-house tax, 1865,.....	55
F. Marsh, poll tax 1865,.....	4 46
I. S. Morgan, over-tax 1864,.....	1 62
J. Lougee, 2d, several individuals, 1865,.....	30 29
F. Marsh, dog tax 1864,.....	1 00
J. Lougee, 2d, several persons, 1864,.....	16 89
J. Caverley, over-tax 1865,.....	1 26
C. G. Sanborn, dog tax 1865,.....	1 00
J. W. Page, over-tax 1864,.....	6 30
J. W. Page, several persons, 1864,.....	25 54
C. H. Wells, dog tax 1865,.....	2 00
G. H. Seward, over-tax 1865,.....	1 50
J. Leighton, several persons, 1865,.....	27 33
J. Leighton, 1861,.....	54
G. Chase, over-tax,.....	1 11
M. S. Gale, over-tax,.....	3 79
J. S. Shannon, over-tax,.....	7 58
E. Lord, school tax 1864,.....	1 76
C. Gale, over-tax,.....	1 00
N. Pulsipher, over-tax,.....	7 00

I. S. Sanborn, abatement,	21 55
J. Lougee, 2d, abatement 1865,	20 30
J. Lougee, 2d, abatement,	35 50
A. I. Gilman, over-tax,	4 45
J. Leighton, abatement,	64
J. Leighton, abatement 1865,	36 84
J. W. Page, abatement 1864,	8 82
S. G. Stiles, abatement 1865,	4 46
J. S. Page, worked on highway by non-residents,	75 47
J. S. Page, abatement 1863,	11 00
J. S. Page, abatement 1864,	28 58
J. S. Page, abatement 1864,	11 00
G. Lougee, abatement,	4 55
H. J. Peirce, dog tax,	1 00
Joel J. Allen,	4 55
G. H. Seward, abatement,	38 55
Amount,	\$511 30

Thomas Adams, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Gilmanton, Feb. 27, 1867, Dr.

To balance on settlement March 2, 1866,	\$4,767 35
Old orders of S. Piper and T. J. Gale,	654 54
Cash hired of E. C. Tebbetts,	300 00
hired of A. C. Tebbetts,	25 00
Note of H. E. Marsh,	238 00
Cash hired of G. H. Seward,	1,000 00
hired of I. S. Morgan,	400 00
received of town of Sanbornton,	30 75
received of Belknap County,	106 16
hired of F. P. Emerson and wife,	1,000 00
hired of Ai Page,	300 00
hired of A. T. S. Page,	25 00
hired of H. E. Lougee,	10 00
hired of J. A. Hurd,	80 00
hired of C. F. Gilman,	65 00
hired of M. E. Page,	110 00
hired of Ai Page,	500 00
received of L. Hutchinson,	23 00
received of G. W. Weeks,	13 00
hired of M. A. Gilman,	62 00
and orders,	1,545 00
hired of H. H. Norcross,	200 00
hired of P. Dudley,	200 00

Cash hired of S. L. Greely,.....	100 00
hired of J. S. Shannon,	100 00
received of town of Boscawen,.....	40 89
State note,.....	1,016 44
hired of T. J. & C. J. Sanborn,.....	111 00
hired of M. B. Savings Bank,.....	3,000 00
hired of Ai Page,.....	300 00
hired of H. B. Kimball and A. R. Price,.....	444 00
hired of I. S. Morgan,	350 00
hired of Mary Smith,	200 00
hired of S. J. Gale,.....	16 78
received of G. W. Weeks,	13 00
received of J. S. Page,.....	50 00
received of C. O. Stockbridge,.....	150 00
received of A. Prescott,	250 00
received of C. Varney,	150 00
received of J. T. Cotton,	100 00
received of H. H. Norcross,.....	200 00
received of J. C. Eastman,.....	500 00
received of S. Gale,.....	180 00
received of E. Hill,.....	100 00
received of J. Leighton,.....	200 00
received of S. Parsons,.....	100 00
received of G. W. Parsons,	25 00
received of J. S. Rogers,	103 70
received of L. W. Powell,.....	86 00
received of H. Felker,.....	2 72
received of F. P. Emerson,	150 00
received of G. W. Weeks,	13 00
received of Belknap County,.....	7 00
hired of H. D. Ellis,.....	300 00
hired of A. T. Page,.....	100 00
hired of M. S. Gale,.....	52 50
hired of I. S., A. A. & A. S. French,.....	400 00
hired of M. A. Hurd,.....	200 00
hired of R. W. Page,.....	500 00
hired of B. S. Thurston,.....	170 00
hired of I. S., A. A. & A. S. French,.....	320 00
hired of M. A. Hurd,..	200 00
hired of R. W. Page,.....	500 00
hired of B. S. Thurston,.....	170 00
hired of I. S., A. A. & A. S. French,.....	400 00
hired of M. E. Page,.....	200 00
hired of R. M. Page,.....	50 00
received of town of Wolfborough,.....	9 48
received of L. Grant for grass,.....	19 00
hired of Star of Hope lodge,.....	45 00

Cash hired of J. A. Sargent,.....	250 00
hired of A. P. Smith,.....	460 00
received of state treasurer for bounties assigned,	1,400 00
hired of H. H. Kimball,.....	120 00
hired of H. H. Ayer,.....	1,500 00
hired of trustees of Gilmanton academy,.....	470 00
hired of J. C. Baker,.....	500 00
hired of C. W. Hill,.....	100 00
hired of Savings Bank,.....	131 78
railroad tax,.....	64 60
state aid,.....	559 79
literary fund,	73 80
received of G. W. Weeks,.....	13 00
hired of L. E. & A. R. Page,.....	175 00
hired of J. M. Gilman,.....	360 00
hired of D. Connell,.....	300 00
hired of C. W. Clay,.....	30 00
hired of Ira Shannon,.....	400 00
hired of F. P. Emerson,.....	100 00
received for liquors sold,.....	16 62
hired of J. A. Leighton,.....	310 00
hired of C. F. Gilman,.....	82 00
hired of G. C. Parsons,.....	525 00
received for liquor sold,.....	15 00
received for casks sold,.....	3 00
received for hay sold on L. Hutchins' place,....	20 00
received,.....	1 30
Interest on Marsh note,.....	12 50
Cash,.....	214 89
for liquors sold,.....	69 57
.....	80 19
from J. K. Woodman,.....	3,200 00
Amount of tax put in hand of collectors,.....	12,707,07
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	\$46,365 55

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By paid outstanding orders,.....	\$32,561 03
current expenses,.....	6,493 31
for roads and bridges,	270 86
for poor in town,.....	913 21
for poor chargeable to other towns,	90 62
County, ...	133 16
for town Farm, in full,.....	234 08
town officers,.....	699 98
abatement of taxes,.....	511 31

\$41,907 55

Balance in hands of J. Lougee, 2d, coll'r,	600 00	
Balance in hands of I. S. Sanborn, col'r.,	1,200 00	
Treasurer,.....	2,658 00	
		<hr/> \$46,365 55

Settled as above,

THOMAS ADAMS, *Treasurer.*

JOHN S. PAGE,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
LUTHER E. PAGE,	
SYLVESTER J. GALE,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Gilmanton.</i>

February 27, 1867. The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of \$4,458 00.

RICHARD J. VARNEY,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JONA. W. CLOUGH,	
RUFUS E. GALE,	

We find the town indebted February 27, 1867, for outstanding orders, as follows:—

A. Foss,.....	\$33 00	I. E. Edgerly,.....	500 00
T. S. Dudley,.....	100 00	A. H. Hatch,.....	300 00
F. P. Burroughs,....	100 00	D. Hatch,.....	200 00
C. H. Lougee, 2d,....	200 00	F. P. Burroughs,....	100 00
S. J. Gale, two orders,	200 00	H. S. Page,.....	200 00
G. W. Dow,.....	125 00	S. Langley,.....	200 00
C. F. Gilman,.....	79 00	C. Varney,.....	210 00
J. Price,.....	65 00	I. P. Hill,.....	100 00
Ira Shannon, balance,	600 00	Trustees G. Academy,	500 00
D. O. Williams,.....	200 00	Ira Shannon,.....	1,327 92
Trustees G. Academy,	600 00	Trustees G. Academy,	100 00
A. G. Warner,.....	200 00	M. D. Page,.....	75 00
A. Mack,.....	100 00	C. Varney,.....	200 00
S. Langley,.....	200 00	A. Page,.....	255 00
M. E. Page,.....	125 00	A. Weeks,.....	45 00
A. Mack,.....	100 00	F. P. Burroughs,....	100 00
H. S. Page,.....	90 00	D. O. Williams,....	83 00
F. P. Burroughs,bal.,	50 00	L. C. Goodwin,....	100 00
S. Langley,.....	100 00	C. Arlin,.....	100 00
A. G. Warner,.....	100 00	T. B. Burnes,.....	100 00
Trustees G. Academy,	100 00	M. E. Page,.....	182 00
S. Langley,.....	100 00	I. K. Woodman,....	300 00
A. H. Hatch,.....	105 63	I. S. Morgan,.....	135 21

J. S. Goodwin,.....	50 00	Amy L. Edgerly,....	150 00
I. K. Woodman,....	150 00	F. E. Bunker,.....	200 00
E. Emerson,.....	250 00	M. A. B. Sawyer,...	100 00
D. O. Williams, 2 od's.	200 00	C. S. Page,.....	100 00
L. G. Lougee,.....	311 48	Geo. Partridge,.....	500 00
L. G. Lougee,.....	80 00	H. Partridge,.....	335 00
C. Jones,.....	200 00	N. Pulsifer,.....	225 00
M. A. Mudgett,.....	500 00	S. J. Gale,.....	500 00
T. S. Dudley,.....	100 00	A. T. Page,.....	400 00
Trustees G. Academy,	300 00	Trustees G. Academy,	400 00
I. H. Stevens,.....	900 00	D. L. Piper,.....	400 00
A. Stevens,.....	200 00	H. B. Kimball,.....	516 00
Jonathan F. Chesley,	200 00	Judith J. Young,....	75 00
I. S. Morgan,.....	500 00	G. W. Ross,.....	100 00
D. F. Glidden,.....	100 00	J. T. Coffin, balance,	406 00
Tr. C. Church, I. W.	100 00	L. G. Lougee, 2 orders,	789 54
P. Dudley,.....	200 00	I. S. Sanborn,.....	100 00
C. Varney,.....	120 00	T. S. Dudley,.....	200 00
L. E. Page,.....	100 00	C. E. Plummer,.....	100 00
M. A. Mudgett,.....	200 00	J. Price,.....	65 00
A. Stevens,.....	175 00	B. T. Hall, 2 orders,	400 00
M. A. Lougee,.....	100 00	Sophia Gale,.....	200 00
J. Price,.....	100 00	D. G. Berry,.....	140 00
C. O. Stockbridge,...	162 66	John Lougee, 2d,....	128 00
R. J. Varney,.....	62 60	N. Folsom,.....	50 00
O. Folsom, 2 orders,	350 00	M. F. Nelson,.....	600 00
T. S. Dudley,.....	200 00	M. K. Eveleth, bal.,..	150 00
D. Hatch,.....	424 68	D. F. Glidden,.....	100 00
S. J. Coffin, balance,	200 00	O. J. Edgerly, 2 ord's,	600 00
N. S. Gale,.....	100 00	A. P. Merrill,.....	250 00
D. O. Williams,.....	100 00	D. B. Merrill,.....	550 00
B. Gilman,.....	33 00	J. Lougee, 2d,.....	200 00
S. J. Gale,.....	200 00	C. Varney,.....	500 00
J. S. Goodwin,.....	100 00	C. G. Kelley, balance,	110 00
J. Price,.....	60 00	S. Chesley,.....	200 00
M. A. Mudgett,.....	100 00	S. Parsons,.....	100 00
D. O. Williams,.....	100 00	E. Shannon,.....	150 00
M. A. B. Sawyer,....	100 00	M. L. Dow,.....	100 00
C. Gilman,.....	100 00	J. S. Goodwin,.....	100 00
Mrs. Bradford,.....	16 00	M. Price,.....	60 00
D. F. Glidden,.....	75 00	H. Chesley,.....	150 00
S. Dudley,.....	100 00	E. A. Clough,.....	200 00
H. E. Morrill,.....	95 00	E. Holbrook,.....	175 00
A. P. Glidden,.....	303 00	C. Varney,.....	200 00
G. M. Glidden, bal.,	100 00	M. P. Page, 4 orders,	4,000 00
F. P. Burroughs,....	250 00	E. E. Maxfield,.....	200 00
Jonathan Clough,....	300 00	J. Pickering,.....	100 00

S. S. Wells, bal. 2 od's,	370 00	H. B. Kimball,.....	150 00
J. T. Cotton,.....	200 00	H. Hatch,.....	350 00
T. Adams,.....	75 00	C. W. Clay,.....	40 00
Bearer,.....	32 00	J. Pickering,.....	100 00
E. Hill,.....	200 00	J. A. Rogers,.....	54 00
C. Clough,.....	300 00	J. W. Cogswell,.....	300 00
S. J. Coffin, balance,	150 00	L. E. Page,.....	225 00
J. T. Cotton,.....	100 00	S. J. Gale,.....	654 54
C. Clough,.....	48 00	A. H. Tebbetts,.....	25 00
H. S. Gale,.....	250 00	T. Adams,.....	75 00
L. G. Lougee,.....	170 00	G. H. Seward,.....	1,000 00
M. D. Page,.....	100 00	I. S. Morgan,.....	400 00
T. Keniston, balance,	132 00	F. P. Emerson,.....	500 00
Z. Peaslee,.....	1,200 00	S. Emerson,.....	500 00
J. Price,.....	28 00	H. E. Lougee,.....	10 00
M. A. Clough,.....	20 00	J. A. Hurd,.....	80 00
D. Glidden,.....	250 00	C. F. Gilman,.....	65 00
M. A. Mudgett,.....	175 00	Ai Page,.....	500 00
J. S. Goodwin,.....	47 12	M. E. Page,.....	110 00
M. D. Page,.....	110 00	M. A. Gilman,.....	62 00
J. M. Gilman,.....	300 00	E. Hill,.....	100 00
M. D. Page,.....	100 00	A. T. Edgerly,.....	100 00
J. E. Page,.....	100 00	J. S. Shaanon,.....	100 00
H. B. Davis,.....	100 00	M. E. Page,.....	232 00
E. Hill,.....	100 00	S. Edgerly,.....	50 00
C. Clough,.....	160 00	S. L. Greely,.....	100 00
D. G. Edgerly,.....	75 00	D. E. Clough,.....	510 00
G. A. Sanborn,.....	50 00	J. Morrison,.....	200 00
J. B. Durrell,.....	150 00	J. Hayes,.....	83 00
B. O. Copp,.....	193 00	B. Hayes,.....	70 00
J. B. Goodwin,.....	100 00	A. H. Hatch,.....	73 00
M. A. Mudgett,.....	67 00	H. H. Norcross,.....	200 00
C. Varney,.....	300 00	P. Dudley,.....	200 00
C. S. Page,.....	50 00	S. L. Greely,.....	100 00
David E. Lougee,....	250 00	L. G. Lougee,....	184 00
J. Morrison,.....	300 00	T. J. Sanborn,.....	75 00
R. J. Gilman,.....	20 56	C. J. Sanborn,.....	36 00
C. O. Stockbridge,...	350 00	Ai Page,.....	300 00
M. E. Clough, 2 od's.,	350 00	C. W. Clay,.....	60 00
S. L. Greely,.....	400 00	H. S. Goodwin,.....	150 00
J. T. Coffin,.....	300 00	H. B. Kimball,.....	204 00
C. J. Rogers,.....	158 35	M. Smith,.....	200 00
Jonathan Brown,....	150 00	N. M. Sanborn,.....	70 00
M. Foss,.....	250 00	C. E. Plummer,.....	40 00
J. P. Hill,.....	800 00	I. S. Morgan,.....	350 00
J. Leighton,.....	150 00	J. S. Page,.....	50 00
N. Hodgdon,.....	250 00	C. Varney,.....	150 00

J. Goodwin,	100 00	O. J. Edgerly,	36 00
H. H. Norcross,	200 00	Trustees G. Academy,	470 00
J. C. Eastman,	500 00	H. H. Kimball,	120 00
Mary F. Nelson,	181 48	H. H. Ayer, 2 orders, 1,	500 00
S. Gale,	180 00	L. G. Lougee,	54 43
E. Hill,	160 00	J. A. Sargent,	250 00
J. Leighton,	200 00	J. C. Baker, balance,	450 00
S. Parsons,	100 00	G. W. Hill,	100 00
G. W. Parsons,	25 00	H. H. Kimball,	158 00
H. Felker,	660 00	A. R. Page,	100 00
L. W. Powell,	86 00	L. E. Page,	75 00
Trustees G. Academy		J. Hall,	88 32
2 orders,	217 42	Ira Shannon,	400 00
F. P. Emerson,	150 00	F. P. Emerson,	100 00
A. T. Page,	200 00	J. N. Gilman,	360 00
H. D. Ellis,	300 00	Daniel Connell,	300 00
A. P. Smith,	460 00	C. W. Clay,	30 00
B. Thurston,	170 00	T. S. Dudley,	722 73
I. S. French, 2 orders,	400 00	C. F. Gilman,	82 00
Augusta A. French, 2		J. A. Leighton,	310 00
orders,	100 00	L. E. Durrell,	1 50
A. S. French,	150 00	C. Kelley,	1 50
M. A. Hurd,	200 00	C. Varney,	7 63
R. W. Page,	500 00	G. C. Parsons,	525 00
M. E. Page, 2 orders,	200 00	A. M. Jewell,	119 36
R. W. Page,	50 00	Unnice Holbrook,	10 50
A. S. French,	70 00	J. P. Hill,	48 00
H. D. Ellis,	20 00	A. Prescott,	1 25
Star of Hope lodge,	45 00	J. R. Clifford,	75

Orders for damage done to Sheep by Dogs.

J. D. Nelson,	30 00	J. Eveleth,	16 00
S. G. Lougee,	8 00	S. E. Eveleth,	16 00
I. S. Sanborn,	4 00	J. S. Page,	18 00
C. Gilman,	10 00	E. S. Price,	4 00
J. S. Gilman,	8 00	J. J. Bean,	8 00
A. S. Gilman,	8 00	M. S. Price,	8 00
W. B. Thomson,	4 00		
G. W. Sanborn,	12 00		
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			\$64,148 16
Unsettled bills against the town,			\$250 00
Interest on the above orders estimated at			2,500 00
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			\$66,898 16

Balance in hands of Collectors and cash on hand,.....	\$4,458 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer received for town farm,.....	550 00
Due from Gov't for bounties assigned,	3,020 00
Due from County,.....	29 50
Amount of liquors in hands of town,	78 00
	<hr/> \$8,135 50
Leaving the town indebted, over means,	\$58,762 66

RICHARD J. VARNEY, }
RUFUS E. GALE, } *Auditors.*

List of names and ages of paupers supported in whole Feb. 27, 1867.

Dudley J. Weeks,.....	79
Eliza Thompson,.....	57
Cordelia Lamprey,	50
Levi Hutchinson and wife,.....	79—74
Widow Eliza Hutchinson,	50
Hannah Dicey,.....	91

Supported in part, widow Louisa Maxfield, Judith Gilman,
Lilla Flanders.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully presents the following report:

The schools of the town—fifteen Summer, and the same number of Winter—have been under the care and instruction of twenty-five different teachers, four of them males, and twenty-one females.

The amount of money raised by town tax for the support of schools is \$1,076.30; amount received from Literary Fund, \$73.80.

The average length of the schools is 8 3-5 weeks. The more important statistics of the schools are given in the following table.

Those schools that commenced after the first of November are called Winter schools.

No. of District.	Am't of Money.	Wages of Teachers per month.		L'gth of School, weeks Summer.	L'gth of School, weeks Winter.	ATTENDANCE.			
		Summer Term.	Winter Term.			Summer Term.		Winter Term.	
						Whole No.	Av'ge No.	Whole No.	Av'ge No.
1	..\$65 44.	..\$14 00.	..\$25 00.	..8.	..5.	..34..	..29..	..33..	..30..
2	..66 06.	.....	.....	..8.	..6.	..24..	..20..	..25..	..21..
3	..55 08.	.....	..20 62.	....	..10.	.....	.....	..24..	..20..
4	..56 00.	.....	..24 00.	....	..10.	.....	.....	..25..	..21..
5	..75 48.	..13 33½	..19 40.	..7.	..9.	..16..	..13..	..20..	..16..
6	..61 00.	..22 00.	.....	..10.	.....	..17..	..14..	.....	.....
7	..44 06.	..8 00*	..8 00*	..4.	..14.	..11..	..10..	..14..	..11..
8	..43 02.	..12 00.	..12 00.	..10.	..10.	..10..	..9..	..10..	..9..
9	..147 62.	..16 00.	..32 00.	..14.	..9.	..43..	..27..	..30..	..25..
10	..49 72.	..13 00.	..14 00.	..7.	..6.	..14..	..12..	..12..	..10..
11	..54 26.	.....	..20 60.	.....	..10.	.....	.....	..16..	..14..
12	..69 62.	..8 00*	..12 00*	..10.	..7.	..11..	..8..	..11..	..10..
13	..51 10.	..13 00.	..8 00*	..9.	..6.	..19..	..15..	..23..	..19..
14	..39 20.	..14 00.	.....	..10.	.....	..20..	..15..	.....	.....
15	..46 06.	..16 00.	.....	..9.	.....	..15..	..13..	.....	.....
16	..57 32.	..13 00.	..16 00.	..8.	..7.	..18..	..14..	..23..	..20..
17	..41 54.	..6 00*	..10 67*	..7.	..10.	..12..	..10..	..13..	..12..
18	..127 52.	..19 80.	..31 80.	..10.	..8.	..56..	..46..	..60..	..50..
..	1150 10.	.....	.....	131.	127.	320..	255..	339..	288..

* Board not included.

Here follows a brief statement respecting the schools in the several districts :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee—Nathan H. Carr. The summer school of eight weeks was taught by Miss Araminta B. Young. I was much pleased with the appearance of the school and with the ways of the teacher who was interested in her work, and, as I thought, had the confidence and good will of her pupils. My second visit was made about three weeks before the close of the school, when I found the scholars apparently interested in their studies and making good progress.

The winter school of five weeks was taught by Mr. Jeremiah W. Sanborn. Overlooking a little restlessness on the part of a few of the scholars, the order of the school, when visited by the committee, was quite good. The teacher endeavored to be practical and thorough in his instruction, made considerable and good use of the blackboard, not only heard the scholars read but labored to teach them how to read ; and on my second visit, considering how short the school had been, I felt that good improvement had been made.

It may be proper to say that the teachers belong to the district and had charge of the schools the preceding year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee—John S. Ham. A summer school of eight weeks, taught by Miss Martha A. Chesley who had charge of the school the preceding summer. This school was visited once only, soon after it commencement. At this time there seemed to be promise of a good school. I went to visit the school a second time, but found the house closed, the teacher being sick.

The winter school of six weeks was taught by Miss Mattie L. Eaton. This teacher did not appear as well at the time of her examination as she did in the school room. The school, when visited, was quiet and orderly, and the recitations, especially one or two in Arithmetic, one in Geography, and one in Grammar, (of one scholar, and the only one studying Grammar) were quite good.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee—David S. Glidden. A winter school of ten weeks, taught by Miss Ella J. Stevens of Alton, the teacher of the school the preceding year. There was good order, faithful, thorough instruction, and good improvement. Perhaps the teacher

made her work a little too hard for herself; did not, as we say, "take things quite easily enough;" but I think she endeavored to do her work well. She remarks, "I much prefer short lessons, perfectly learned and fully comprehended, to those much longer, but imperfectly understood. I make it a rule, never to leave a subject till it is well understood, if possible, by every member of the class."

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Prudential Committee—Jonathan P. Hill. A school of one term, taught by the teacher of the preceding year, Miss Carrie W. Clay. As regards nearly all the characteristics of a good school, the one in this district was second to no one in town. Not that the school is what would be called a forward one, or that the scholars, as compared with those of other schools, are remarkably bright, and intelligent. The teacher was interested in her work, knew "how to order" her school, gave thorough instruction, labored earnestly to promote the moral as well as the intellectual improvement of her pupils, and secured for herself their respect and affection. All the movements of the school were quiet and orderly; the recitations were good; in reading, marked improvement was made.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee—Daniel S. Ayers. A summer school of seven weeks, taught by Miss Mary P. Price,—the second time she has taught in this district. Miss Price is a faithful and successful teacher, quiet and yet prompt, thorough, caring for both the mental and moral improvement of her scholars, seeking to govern her school by securing the good will of her pupils rather than by the exercise of authority.

The winter school of nine weeks was taught by Mr. George C. Parsons,—his first school and in his own district. On my first visit I was afraid the order of the school might not be all that it should be. On my second visit, I found improvement as regards order, but a school, for some reason, considerably smaller than on my first visit. By many of the scholars fair improvement was made. Some of them will think more highly, by and by, of their present privileges than they do now.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee—Franklin Marsh. A school of one term, ten weeks. Miss Jennie B. Smith, of Pittsfield, teacher. We cannot expect an advanced school in a district where there is only one school

of ten weeks for the year. Miss Smith has had considerable experience in teaching, is interested in her work, maintains good order, is easy and pleasant in her intercourse with her scholars, and I feel warranted in saying that under her instruction, good improvement will be made. My second visit, unfortunately, was made on the afternoon of a day, when in consequence of the rain of the forenoon, but few of the scholars were present.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee—Stephen B. Flanders. A summer school of four weeks. Miss Rebecca J. Paige, teacher. A small school; scholars young, and of course not far advanced. The teacher was young and inexperienced, and not quite as much at ease as she will be, when she teaches again, as I trust she will. She endeavored to do her duty faithfully, and perhaps as good improvement was made, as, in the circumstances, the term being only four weeks, could be expected.

The winter term of fourteen weeks was taught by Miss Addie L. Paige, the teacher of the school the preceding winter. My second visit was made two weeks before the close of the school. The scholars were orderly and attentive; the recitations, considering that there had been no general review of what had been studied during the term, were very good. Some had made marked improvement in reading. Singing was an agreeable, and, I doubt not, profitable exercise of this school during both terms.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee—Matthias Weeks. A school of twenty weeks—two terms of ten weeks each—taught by Miss Mary L. Morrill, a faithful and successful teacher. She seemed interested in her scholars, and the scholars in their teacher. The order was good, and the improvement very commendable. Says the teacher: "Although the school has been mostly composed of small scholars, yet all, I firmly believe, have endeavored to make the most of their advantages, not only by committing their lessons, but also by cheerfully obeying every rule of the school."

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Prudential Committee—Richard D. Varney. The summer school of fourteen weeks was taught by Miss Celia H. Marsh, who, I think, gave good satisfaction. The order was good, and the teacher labored hard, and not unsuccessfully. Owing to circumstances, be-

yond the control of the teacher, the examination at the close was not a fair exhibition of the school.

The winter school of nine weeks was taught by Mr. D. Gilman Chesley, of Epsom, a teacher not feared but esteemed and respected by his pupils, maintaining good order with little effort. Good improvement was made by nearly all the scholars. "The interest in the school," the teacher remarks, "shown by the attendance, was gratifying and creditable to both scholars and parents. The improvement in the various studies was all I could reasonably expect, considering the length of the school."

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee—Moses S. Price. A summer school of seven weeks; Miss Laurenia A. Gale, teacher. This was a good school; teacher efficient, scholars interested, good improvement.

The second term of six weeks was taught by Miss Fannie A. Rollins. The teacher seemed interested herself, and able to interest her scholars. Good order was maintained, and in most branches fair improvement was made.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee—Rufus N. Gale. One term of ten weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Rowe, of Gilford, a well-qualified teacher, efficient, maintaining good order, thorough in her instruction, able to interest her scholars in their studies.

The teacher remarks: "There are some good scholars in this school, and nearly all seem to realize what they attend school for. Advancement, and yet thoroughness, has been the object, and by weekly reviews, &c., we hope we have, in some measure, accomplished it. The parents co-operate with the teacher, and are deeply interested in the cause of education." The scholars expressed their interest in their teacher by the beautiful present made her at the close of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Prudential Committee—J. S. Gilman. The smallest school save one. The first term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Clara Peaslee, under whose instruction good improvement was made. The teacher was interested in her work and anxious to do all she could for the good of her scholars, maintained good order, and had, as I thought, the respect and confidence of her pupils.

The second term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Lizzie S.

Sanborn, of Thornton. Made but one visit to this school. At this time there was promise of a profitable school. The school had ended when the notice of the time of its close reached me.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Prudential Committee—Richard H. Jones. A summer school of nine weeks, taught by Miss Fannie A. Leavitt. The teacher was inexperienced, but she tried to make the school a good one. She speaks of the school as having “been pleasant,” and of the scholars as having “manifested a good degree of interest in their studies.” I should have been glad to have witnessed more interest on the part of the scholars.

The winter term of six weeks was taught by Miss Celia H. Marsh, under whose care and instruction there was, as regards order and the acquisition of knowledge, more improvement than was expected. “At the commencement of the term,” the teacher remarks, “even an uninterested observer could have seen that the order, so necessary in the school room, could not be obtained without much effort; but although the term was quite short, I am happy to be able to say that improvement in order was made, and what is so encouraging to a teacher, the scholars were more interested in their studies as the term advanced.”

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Prudential Committee—George W. Griffin. A school of ten weeks, taught by Miss Addie F. Berry of New Durham. The teacher was young, inexperienced, and not so much at ease in her position as she had a right to be. The order of the school when visited was satisfactory, and I thought good improvement had been made by nearly all the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

Prudential Committee—George W. Adams. One term of nine weeks, taught by Miss Araminta B. Young. The scholars are young, and of course, not far advanced. The teacher was easy and pleasant in her intercourse with her pupils; aimed to be thorough in teaching, and made, I inferred, considerable use of the black-board.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

Prudential Committee—Moses Price. A summer school of eight weeks, taught by Miss Martha E. Price, a teacher who understands

what she undertakes to teach, and aims to make her scholars accurate and thorough in their knowledge. Perhaps a little more ease and familiarity of manner would give her more influence over her school and increase her usefulness. The order was good, and most of the scholars made good progress.

The winter school of seven weeks was taught by Miss Mary A. Dudley,—her third term of instruction in this district. I think, as in her preceding schools, she gave good satisfaction. She seemed to have the respect and good will of her pupils, most of whom made good improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

Prudential Committee—Charles Plummer. The first term of seven weeks was taught by Miss Seddie H. Rowe, of Gilford. This was Miss Rowe's first school. More experience will give her more confidence in herself, which, I think, she is entitled to feel. The order of the school, when visited, was good, and so, for the most part were the recitations. The Register records no visit made to the school, except the two made by the Superintending School Committee.

The second term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Laurenia A. Gale, who discharged her duties in the school room in a way creditable to herself, and, I think, satisfactory to the district. She evidently had the confidence of her pupils and the confidence and co-operation of their parents. The board of the teacher and the wood were given by the district, and the school was lengthened, in consequence, nearly one-half.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

Prudential Committee—Ephraim Tebbetts. The summer school of ten weeks was taught by Miss Laura A. Gale, an able and successful teacher; maintaining good order, thorough in her instruction, deserving and securing the confidence of her pupils. The recitations, at the closing examination of the school, were very creditable both to the teacher and scholars.

The winter school of 8 weeks was taught by Mr. Daniel H. Rowe, of Gilford; a teacher of experience, who manifested a most commendable interest in the mental and moral improvement of his pupils. Having charge of so large a school, composed of scholars of all ages, and having so many classes, it was impossible for the teacher to do what he would in the way of instruction. He endeavored, we think, to discharge his duty faithfully. More attention—none too much—was given to writing than in most of our schools.

Singing was one of the exercises, pleasant certainly, and, I think, profitable. There are good scholars in this school and the improvement of many of them was manifest. I feared that on the part of some there had been a lack of thoroughness. It should be said, however, that none of the last days of the school had been spent by the scholars in reviewing the studies of the term. Not a boy in this large school studied Grammar. If some means could be devised, whereby there could be a graded school in this district, and the school terms be not materially shortened, a very desirable thing would be accomplished. No teacher can do justice to a school of so many scholars, large and small, and of so many classes. To hear all the scholars read, each only a short paragraph, would occupy about half of one session of the school. The teacher must constantly feel hurried, pressed for time, and cannot give the amount of instruction the scholars need. What is wanted is more money and a graded school, and "parents that will all unite in sustaining the teachers in enforcing good and wholesome rules."

From the statements which have now been made it is manifest that in the judgment of your committee, if the schools of the past year have not been all we could desire, no one of them deserves to be characterized as "a failure," and some of them were all that in the circumstances we could reasonably expect or require. Some of the teachers have yet much to learn that they may be in the best sense efficient and successful teachers.

Most of our schools are small, and I have found but few advanced scholars in them—not so many large and advanced scholars as would have been found in them fifteen or twenty years ago. And if a good common school education, at least, is what every child needs and should have, I think it would have been better for some of the children of the present generation if they had belonged to a preceding one. Our schools have indeed improved in some respects, and not a little; but is it not a fact that children cease attending our district schools at an earlier age than they did years ago? In all our schools the past year there have been only forty-seven scholars over sixteen years of age. Twenty years ago there would have been, I think, a hundred at least. More now seek the advantages furnished by our Academies and Seminaries, than formerly; but how will it be with those who are dependent upon the district school for the education they receive? A generation ago, in the country, the boy, large and strong enough well nigh to do the work of a man, as a general thing, would have thought ten dollars, and perhaps less than that, to be large pay for a month's labor; and the girl, almost a woman, if she could find any employment, would have thought

herself amply rewarded for a week's work upon receiving fifty cents. Then they could afford to attend, and parents felt that they could afford to send their boys and girls, though well nigh grown up, to the winter school. Now the young man can have a dollar a day for his labor, and the young woman almost, if not quite, as much for hers. And the consequence is, we find now in our district schools only one over sixteen, where twenty years ago we should have found two or three.

Here is an evil. And what is the remedy? Parents must be made to feel that in the district school their children can obtain that which will be worth more to them than the best farm in the State. The young must be made to feel that an education, such as they can obtain even in the district school, giving them self-respect, character and influence, is to be prized "above gold, yea, above fine gold." We must seek to improve our common schools; have neat, comfortable and pleasant school houses; furnish them with the means of instruction; seek after good teachers, those qualified and "apt to teach," and raise more money than we do, all that is needed, that our schools may be made what they should be, and that many, I may say, most of them, may be longer than they are now, by, at least, one or two months a years.

I have found in the schools, to the serious detriment of some of them, quite a variety of text-books. Those more generally used are, the Progressive Series of Readers, Greenleaf's Series of Arithmetics, Colton & Fitch's Geographies, Quackenbos' History of the United States, and Quackenbos' Philosophy. There may be better books before the public than some of these, but these are good books, and I do not see sufficient reason for recommending others to be used in place of these at present. Of English Grammars there are four or five different ones used in the schools. Quackenbos' First Book in English Grammar, and for advanced scholars his "English Grammar," I have recommended.

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Superintending School Committee.



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